

August 27, 2013

**RESOLUTION 2013-
OPPOSITION OF LNG FACILITIES IN THE NY/NJ BIGHT**

Mayor Engelstad offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, for years, energy interests have been trying to gain a foothold in the ocean waters off the New York and New Jersey ocean coastlines to build Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) import and export facilities. LNG, a super-cooled compressed form of natural gas, a fossil fuels, is transported by tanker all over the globe – with markets in Asia and Europe paying the most (up to six times more than U.S. domestic natural gas costs as of 2013); and

WHEREAS, in a letter addressed to the Maritime Administration (the agency in charge of approving these offshore ports), New Jersey Governor Chris Christie noted that these ports can “present unacceptable and substantial risks to New Jersey residents, natural resources, economy, and security.” Whether located closer to New Jersey or closer to New York, these ports can devastate important fish habitats, impact endangered species, and exclude the public (and any other uses) from large areas of the ocean. LNG also contributes to climate change – the energy needed to super-cool natural gas and ship it overseas adds more to the fuel’s greenhouse gas emission budget; and,

WHEREAS, these ports are, as NJ Governor Christie noted, dangerous for boaters, fishermen, and shipping/trade interest often located near or next to shipping lanes, the US Department of Energy warns that “a large breach and spill could have short-term and long-term impacts on public safety, energy security and reliability, and harbor and waterway commerce.”; and

WHEREAS, these ports are gateways to a more expensive, more polluted energy future. With the nation’s energy system turned on its head, and a glut of natural gas available at low prices, energy companies are scrambling to build LNG exports terminals and ports around the coastline. Several facilities have already been approved, and several companies have already been granted permission to export up to 40% of our domestic daily natural gas production. Exports are projected to lead to higher natural gas prices, higher manufacturing costs, and more shale gas fracking. Ports in the ocean off NY and NJ, licensed under the Deepwater Port Act, are legally allowed to be both an import and export hub- with no paperwork need to switch gears; and

WHEREAS, LNG ports along the NY and NJ coastlines and in the NY/NJ Bight are not in the public interest and endanger clean ocean economies, public safety, and the environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey, hereby opposes the building of LNG terminals and ports for either the import or export of LNG, off the NJ/NY coast.

Seconded by Councilman _____ and adopted upon the following vote:

AYES NAYS ABSTAIN ABSENT

Mr. Cotler
Mr. D’Angelo
Mr. Goldfarb
Mr. Galassetti
Mayor Engelstad

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Ann Solinski, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council at the August 27, 2013 meeting.

MARY ANN SOLINSKI, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk